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CAPTION: The heads of Montana's major educational institutions met this week to discuss areas of cooperation between the two schools. (l to r) Dr. Robert Johns, president of MSU, and Dr. Leon Johnson, president of MSC. (Story Follows)

Closer cooperation between the two major units of Montana's University system will be the likely outcome of a two day meeting of Montana State University and Montana State College presidents and administrators at the University this week, officials attending the meeting said.

This was the second joint meeting of the schools, and the administrators gave consideration to methods of cooperation that will better enable the two schools to solve their problems. At the first meeting of the group in Bozeman, it was decided that there were many areas that could be explored mutually to the benefit of both institutions.

Topics covered at the Missoula meeting included study of possible joint graduate programs, cooperative extension efforts, coordination of lectures and concerts, cooperative research and other areas in which the two schools can work together profitably. It was noted that there are already many examples of combined programs in these and other areas.

President Robert Johns, of MSU, and President Leon Johnson, of MSC, described the session as "Most successful in exploring ways to use the major strengths of each institution through cooperative programs of instruction, research and extension service to the state." It was the consensus of the meeting that greater interchange of ideas between the two staffs will strengthen each institution.

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